ചെയ്യേ. എപ്രകാരമാത്മി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. അഭിപ്രായത്തേയും പരിതാങ്ങലിനേയും സ്വീകരിച്ചു.

Sarvadhikariakar.

469. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the functions of the Sarvadhikariakar (No. 3 under the Government in Part I of the Cochin Civil List);

(2) have there been changes in his functions during the last 20 years;

(3) what was the pay of the Sarvadhikariakar in Vrischigam 1090;

(4) do in Vrischigam 1093;

(5) how many times were increments given to the present Sarvadhikariakar;

(6) what are the reasons for giving such increments;

(7) what is his present pay;

(8) did the Special Finance Committee make any recommendations to revise the scale of pay of the Sarvadhikariakar;

(9) what were the reasons for raising the pay of the Sarvadhikariakar to that of a second grade Head of Department;

(10) was it due to any increased responsibility thrown on him; if so, what is the nature of that increased responsibility?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) As Sarvadhikariakar, his duty is to carry out all His Highness commands him to do. He is also the administrative head of the Palace department.

(2) Yes, vide the latter part of the answer to (1).

(3) Rs. 300 in the grade of Rs. 200—20—300.

(4) Rs. 200 in the grade of Rs. 200—20—300.

(5) In the grade of Rs. 200—20—300 as Sarvadhikariakar he was given the annual increments falling due on 3rd Thulam 1094, 3rd Thulam 1095, 3rd Thulam 1096, 3rd Thulam 1097 and 3rd Thulam 1098. The pay of the post was then revised into Rs. 200—40—600 and his pay was fixed at Rs. 360 in the new grade from 1st Vrischigam 1098. He was given the next increment from the date of usual accrual i. e. 1st Vrischigam 1099. He was confirmed 2nd grade District Judge on Rs. 500 on 11th Karkadagam 1101 and was therefore allowed a personal allowance of Rs. 100 as officiating Sarvadhikariakar. The personal allowance had to be raised to Rs. 200 from the date of his confirmationas 1st grade District Judge (Rs. 600) on 15th Medam 1104. When the scale of the post of the Sarvadhikariakar was revised to Rs. 450—40—650 from 1st Chingam 1105 his pay had to be fixed at Rs 610 according to rules From the date of usual accrual of the next increment on 1st Chingam 1106 he has

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been drawing the maximum of Rs. 650 as officiating Sarvadhikariakar.

(6) Advance increment was given only once from 1st Vrischigam 1095. This was given in view of the additional work thrown on him by being made the head of the Palace Funds.

(7) Rs. 650.

(8) They refrained from making any proposals.

(9) The pay of the other Heads of Departments was revised and to bring the Sarvadhikariakar into line with other Heads of Departments, his pay was also revised.

(10) Vide answer to (9).

Expert Irrigation Officer.

470. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Legislative Council has repeatedly requested the Government to appoint an expert irrigation officer in the State;

(b) whether any resolution has been passed by the Council in respect of that;

(c) whether the Chief Engineer has suggested to the Council that an expert irrigation officer should be consulted in respect of the Thanikudam scheme before final report thereon is submitted;

(d) if so, whether such officer has been consulted before the submission of the final report;

(e) whether the present staff of the Engineering Department shall devise and actually work out any major system of irrigation suitable for irrigating kole lands; if so, which is that system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The final report has not been submitted.

(e) Yes. Two alternate systems are under consideration. It is too early to say which of the two will be finally adopted.

Kadavanthara Bridge.

471. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reason, if any, for not taking up any work towards completing the partly built Kadavanthara bridge;

(2) has not the contractor got ready the materials at the spot even so long ago as Chingam 1105?

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